

Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Of the
Troup City Council
July 18, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Troup City Council was held Monday July 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cameron J Jarvis Troup Municipal Library. Councilpersons were: Mayor Jeff Hale, Dianne Layne, Nelson Darden, Brandi Barton, Fielding Winchester, and Chip Richardson.

Mayor Joe Carlyle called the meeting to order at 6:30 noting Council members Mayor Jeff Hale, Dianne Layne, Fielding Winchester, Nelson Darden, Brandi Barton, and Chip Richardson were present.

Nelson Darden led the pledge and invocation.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 4 Citizen Comments- Any Citizen wishing to address the Council on an agenda item may do so during the citizen comment section of the meeting or when the item is being considered by the Council. Mayor Jeff Hale presented Conner Boyd with a Certificate of Appreciation for his donation of book boxes for the downtown project.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 5 Discuss and consider approving the minutes for the Regular Scheduled meeting of June 27, 2022. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Scheduled meeting of June 27, 2022. Councilperson Fielding Winchester seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 6 Discuss and consider approving the monthly financial reports for June 2022. Councilperson Fielding Winchester made the motion to approve the monthly financial report for June 2022. Councilperson Chip Richardson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 7 Comments, questions or input from City Manager's report. City Manager Gene Cottle presented Council his monthly report and Officer Criss Hammack presented Council the monthly police report.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 8 Discuss and consider ORDINANCE NO 2022-0718-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF TROUP; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITY RESERVE AT RETIREMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES." Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve Ordinance No 2022-0718-01. Councilperson Fielding Winchester seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 9 Discuss and consider a Troup Community Development Project to fund a permanent restroom facility for the Joe Layne Family Splash Pad. No Action taken on this item.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 10 Discuss and consider a final re-plat for the property located on Brandon Street legal description M-26.1D ABST A 1099 W. George Tract 18A. No action taken on this item.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 11 Discuss and consider the appointment of Sue Hunter, Cindy Steele, Sonja Rountree and Joe McElroy for 2 year terms to the Cameron-J.Jarvis Troup Municipal Library Board of Directors. Councilperson Chip Richardson made the motion to approve the appointment of Sue Hunter, Cindy Steele, Sonja Rountree and Joe McElroy for 2 year terms to the Cameron-J.Jarvis Troup Municipal Library Board of Directors. Councilperson Nelson Darden seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 12 Discuss and consider the approval of a request from Sabine Oil and Gas for a specific variance to Article 4.08.009 of the Oil and Gas Ordinance regarding well site preparation, permitting the building of the access road and drill site pad prior to obtaining a drilling permit. Allen Dutt with Sabine Oil and Gas told Council that his

company is wanting permission to start the well site prior to filing for permit, due to them needing to get additional information before the permit can be issued. He said once all information is ready the permit will be filed. Mr. Cottle told Council that Sabine Oil and Gas has done everything ask of them on projects that had any dealing with the City of Troup. Councilperson Fielding Winchester made the motion to approve variance. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 13 Discuss and consider approving a PAID UP OIL AND GAS LEASE with Sabine East Texas Basin LLC for an the lease of .665 acres, more or less, a part of the Eason Gee Survey, A-10, Smith County, Texas and being the same land described in that certain ROW dated March 30, 1960, from Julian L. Jarvis to City of Troup and recorded in Volume 976, Page 4 of Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve a PAID UP OIL AND GAS LEASE with Sabine East Texas Basin LLC for an the lease of .665 acres, more or less, a part of the Eason Gee Survey, A-10, Smith County, Texas and being the same land described in that certain ROW dated March 30, 1960, from Julian L. Jarvis to City of Troup and recorded in Volume 976, Page 4 of Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas and also allow the City Manager to ask for sign in bonus. Councilperson Brandi Barton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 14 Discuss and consider approval of the Smith County 911 Communications District 2022-2023 Operating Budget. Councilperson Nelson Darden made the motion to approve to Smith County 911 Communications District 2022-2023 Operating Budget. Councilperson Fielding Winchester seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 15 Discuss and consider preliminary draft budget. No action.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 16 Discuss and consider budget and tax rate calendar. No action.

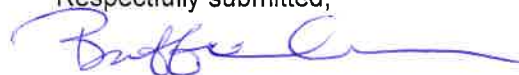
Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 17 Discuss and consider authorizing the City Manager to have published all notices and documents relating to the 2022-2023 budget and tax rate that may require publication before the next regular city council meeting. No action.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 18 Discuss and consider a rate increase by Republic Services, Inc. for contract solid waste collection. City administrator Gene Cottle told council that according to our contract that Republic Services could raise the rates. Councilperson Brandi Barton made the motion to approve the rate increase by Republic services and approve a 4% above rate for the City of Troup. Councilperson Fielding Winchester seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 19 Comments and input from Council, Mayor or City Manager concerning items of interest or items for a future agenda. Council moved the August meeting to August 8, 2022.

Mayor Jeff Hale – Item 20 Adjourn 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Buffie Deason/City Secretary